



**MINUTES**  
**FORMAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**  
**CITY HALL, 206 S. MAIN STREET, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**Monday, May 9, 2016 - 5:30 p.m.**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**  
Mayor Knox H. White
2. **INVOCATION**  
Councilmember Lillian Flemming
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **ROLL CALL**  
The following members of City Council were in attendance: Mayor Knox White, Amy Doyle, Lillian Flemming, Jil Littlejohn, David Sudduth, George Fletcher, and Gaye Sprague
5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**  
April 25, 2016; Approved as submitted
6. **COMMUNICATIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL**  
None
7. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**  
None
8. **PRESENTATION**
  - a. **Greenville Scottish Games**  
Miss Greenville Scottish Games Natalie Southgate and Miss Greenville Scottish Games Teen Keegan Beane invited City Council to attend the Greenville Scottish Games scheduled for May 27-28 in downtown Greenville and at Furman University.
9. **PUBLIC HEARING**
  - a. **Proposed Abandonment of a portion of Jimmy Doolittle Drive and an unimproved right-of-way located between Jimmy Doolittle Drive and Transit Drive (AB-3-2016)**  
  
Assistant City Engineer Clint Link provided information regarding a request of Central Realty Holdings to abandon a portion of Jimmy Doolittle Drive and an unimproved right-of-way located between Jimmy Doolittle Drive and Transit Drive. Mr. Link stated the purpose of the abandonment is in conjunction with a proposed annexation and development of the property. Mr. Link advised all utilities in the surrounding area were notified of the proposed abandonment and no responses in opposition have been received. Mr. Link also advised while there have been some inquiries from property owners, there has been no opposition.

No one from the public spoke in support or opposition of the item.

b. **Proposed Abandonment of an unnamed alley located between North Main Street and Water Street**

Mr. Link provided information regarding a request of Nick Kelly to abandon an unnamed alley located between North Main Street and Water Street. Mr. Link stated the purpose of the abandonment is to establish a perpetual access easement to allow owners to continue using the alley as a rear access to their property. Mr. Link advised all utilities were notified and the City has received requests to preserve the easements for access. Councilmember Sprague shared her concerns regarding the sewer easement, and Mr. Link responded the City is going to retain from North Main Street to the sewer manhole.

The following individuals spoke regarding the proposed abandonment.

**Jim Gilreath, 16 W. Hillcrest Drive**, spoke in opposition sharing his concern for the utility easement. Mr. Gilreath commented on paying to underground and shared his concern with utilities having access to his property. Mr. Gilreath stated if the alley is abandoned, the property should be divided in half between the abutting properties.

**Andrew Smith, 11 W. Montclair Avenue**, spoke in opposition to the item. Mr. Smith referred to a rear entry garage which was added to his home to access his property through the alley and stated as long as there is a guaranteed easement to his property, he is fine with the abandonment.

**Tom Epting, 18 W. Hillcrest Drive**, questioned whether the City owns the alley, and Mr. Link responded when the property was annexed into the City, it became city property. Mr. Epting stated if deeded, the additional property will increase his property size, his taxes and his liability. Mr. Epting also stated his preference is not to abandon the alley.

**Nick Kelly, 1405 N. Main Street**, spoke in support of the abandonment and stated his goal is to establish and continue to have utility easements. Mr. Kelly proposed providing the alley property to the property owners on Montclair Avenue. Mr. Kelly advised the alley is not being maintained or used at his end of the alley. Mr. Kelly stated he would like to build and maintain his own driveway off the alley.

Councilmember Sprague asked about the possibility of abandoning only a portion of the alley. Mr. Link responded it is the City's practice to abandon the entire alley because abandoning only a portion creates a dead end alley which still makes the alley public. Councilmember Sprague commented that the proposed abandonment may not meet everyone's needs. Councilmember Doyle asked if the easements would be linked to the property owners or the land, and Mr. Link responded they would be tied to the land.

**Mary Allison Moon, 13 W. Montclair Avenue**, shared her concerns with liability and maintenance of the alley as well as with trucks having to turn around in the alley and back up onto her property. Ms. Moon stated the property owners should be okay if

there is an easement for the maintenance of the alley, however, she would have a problem with a perpetual easement because of the potential for future development.

**10. APPOINTMENTS – Boards and Commissions**  
None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*There will be no discussion of Consent Agenda items unless a Council member so requests in which event the item in question will be considered separately.*

Councilmember Sudduth moved, seconded by Councilmember Littlejohn, to approve second and final reading of agenda items 11a, 12a, 13a and 13b of the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

**11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)**

- a. Ordinance to annex approximately 10.81 acres of real property including right of way located adjacent to Airport Road, Transit Drive, and Jimmy Doolittle Drive, and to provide the zoning designation of S-1, Service, District (Tax Map Numbers 0259000109500; 0259000109501; 0259000109800; 0259000109900; 0259000110000; 0259000110100; 0259000105700; 0259000116400) (AX-1-2016)

**12. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinance – First Reading)**

- a. Ordinance to appropriate a total of \$37,750 in the Miscellaneous Grants Fund for various sports tourism advertising and recruiting projects

**13. NEW BUSINESS – (Resolutions – First and Final Reading)**

- a. Resolution to award \$12,520 in funding received from the Greenville Zoo Conservation Fund for Fiscal Year 2016 to nine designated local and international conservation programs
- b. Resolution to approve a Structural Air Rights Encroachment Permit for Charlie's Steakhouse Real Estate, LLC, to construct and install a canopy and projecting fascia at 18 East Coffee Street (Tax Map Number 0001000501700)

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (Ordinances – Second and Final Reading)**  
None

**15. NEW BUSINESS – (Ordinances – First Reading)**

- a. Ordinance to appropriate \$220,000 in the Law Enforcement Special Revenue Fund, Department of Homeland Security Account, for the purpose of purchasing new technology for the Greenville Police Department

Councilmember Littlejohn moved, seconded by Councilmember Sprague, to approve first reading.

Police Chief Ken Miller advised the funding would assist the Police Department with addressing technological needs not provided for in the proposed FY2016-2017 budget.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ordinance to abandon a portion of Jimmy Doolittle Drive and an unimproved right-of-way located between Jimmy Doolittle Drive and Transit Drive (AB-3-2016)

Councilmember Sudduth moved, seconded by Councilmember Doyle, to approve first reading.

Councilmember Sprague questioned if the City had contacted the abutting property owners. Mr. Link responded the owners were notified, however, the City did not personally contact each owner to receive feedback. Councilmember Sprague asked if Central Realty Holdings owns everything that does not have a street number on Haywood Road and if the City has spoken to those owners, particularly at 449. Mr. Link replied the City has not, however, staff has spoken to the owners of 28 and 26. Mr. Link stated the City has spoken with Kevin Whitaker, who owns the property behind where Jimmy Doolittle Drive will be terminated with a cul-de-sac. Councilmember Sprague asked if the applicant planned to build a cul-de-sac, and Mr. Link replied yes advising the cul-de-sac will be part of a development. Mr. Link also stated there are some properties in the area not owned by Central Realty Holdings and the roofs of their buildings are lower than Jimmy Doolittle Drive, thus making any access from Jimmy Doolittle Drive not feasible.

After discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

**16. NEW BUSINESS – (Resolution – First and Final Reading)**

- a. Resolution to adopt revisions to the 2010 FEMA Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Councilmember Flemming moved, seconded by Councilmember Sprague, to approve first and final reading.

Mr. Link advised the revisions are an update to the 2010 plan. Mr. Link stated the 2014 plan was made part of a multi-jurisdictional plan and the revisions will bring the plan current. Mr. Link also stated the plan will identify the City's vulnerability to

hazards such as storms, winter storm events, floods, and natural disasters of that type.

Mr. Link addressed one goal of the mitigation plan, which is protecting natural resources, and stated a clean-up of a tributary to the Reedy River is being undertaken as a complete stream restoration project.

Mayor White voiced concerns about the banks of the Reedy River near McDaniel Avenue being allowed to overgrow intentionally. Mr. Link responded the overgrowth is part of the buffering needed to stabilize the water benefits. Mayor White requested staff look at the overgrowth to determine if it needs maintenance.

After discussions, the motion carried unanimously.

- b. Resolution to extend the performance time for the construction of a new Federal Courthouse between East Coffee Street and East North Street.

Councilmember Flemming moved, seconded by Councilmember Littlejohn, to approve first and final reading. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor White asked for an update on the work taking place in the Special Committees. Each Council chairman provided a summary of the work their committee is completing in preparation of submitting an official report to City Council.

- 17. **ADJOURN.** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.



KNOX H. WHITE, MAYOR



LORI SONDOV  
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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